



District 10 Community Council Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:00 PM
MINUTES

I. Call to order

Chair Melissa Liu called the meeting to order at **7:04** pm.
(Meeting took place via Zoom videoconferencing and by telephone.)

II. Introductions (name and neighborhood)

Board Present (online): Sarah Reuter, Dan Edgerton, Sara Benzkofer, Benjamin Kowalsky-Grahek, Jenne Nelson, Rachel Bowers, Debra Verber, Maggie Zimmerman, Melissa Brannon, Marika Staloch, Mike Ireland, Jill Henriksen, Melissa Liu, Olivia Mulvey Morawiecki, Jennifer Victor-Larsen

Board Absent: Rebecca Calvo, Amanda Rohrer

Staff Present (online): Michael Kuchta

Community and Guests Present: John Steingraeber, Maria Bertrand, Colleen Peterson, Debbie Meister

III. Review, Amend agenda

MOTION: Approve meeting agenda (first/second) passes

IV. Community Section

A. Community Concerns: None stated

B. Presentation: Neighborhoods First: Rethinking I-94 (Debbie Meister)

MnDOT started “rethinking I-94” in 2016. Now they’re in phase II, which is the environmental review. Throughout the last 3 years, there have been a lot of staff changes in MnDOT, and they have stopped meeting with the community leaders’ group. The process is on hold until the beginning of the year. The next step in the environmental review is purpose, needs, and goals, which reviews what can be studied. Neighborhoods First created a flier (see board packet) which is a living document where they’ve identified the issues that are important to the community groups involved. They want less traffic, less noise, less pollution, and mitigation of harm that’s been done to the community by the freeway. They oppose additional lanes, want safer crossings, more transit access for our communities, and a focus on health and equity. Groups are looking at other modes of transportation so people can move through the corridor in many different ways. The belief is that more lanes will not alleviate congestion. In regards to safety, they will look at increased lighting. Construction will not begin for a couple of years. Cities will play a big part, as they have to sign off on the plans. It’s a political issue.

There was discussion about the lack of communities of color being engaged early and signing off on this document. They are connecting with the Rondo Community through Reconnect

Rondo. Of the neighborhood associations for which the freeway runs, Summit University is the only one that hasn't weighed in.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Moved: Como Community Council endorses the tenets of Rethinking I-94 and support the ideas presented on the flier shared at the October 2020 Land Use Committee meeting.

Discussion about wanting to hear from organizations more adjacent to the freeway. We should not come in until after Summit University, Dayton's Bluff, and Frogtown Neighborhood Association have weighed in. If proposal is tabled, we should have clear idea of when we will bring this back. Perhaps the Anti-Racism Work Group or Land Use Committee could pick this up. Roll call vote was requested, but with the change of the motion language, it was rescinded.

MOTION to table this discussion, assign it to the anti-racism work group for further discussion and recommendations, and bring it back to the board. Seconded. ***Motion Passes***

V. **Board Business Section**

A. Financials (Mike Ireland)

October Treasurer Update

Notable Revenue

- Received \$4,620.80 from the City for September Community Engagement Grant reimbursements. Michael will hold back submitting our November and December requests to allow flexibility on applying line-item expenses
- "Miscellaneous Income" line includes \$1,365 donated toward the Thanksgiving meal drive and a \$220 PayPal download of previously purchased Como Kindness signs

Notable Expenses

- "Innovation Fund Personnel" expense line is missing the second payroll period (\$289) due to a delayed timesheet. The check was issued and expense will be reflected in the November expenses
- Due to the timing of invoices, no expenses were incurred in the "Accounting" line
- "Sunday Series" line reflects a \$100 honorarium for the October 25 "Justice Impacted" discussion

Other Highlights

- As of October 31, we have \$53,534.21 in our checking account
- Michael submitted a revised Innovation Grant work plan to the City to ensure there is agreement how we anticipate using the remainder of our grant allotment. It is not a request for additional money. This submission is not a requirement but allows City feedback upfront to avoid possible after-the-fact reimbursement denials
- Remember November 19 is Give to the Max day. Michael updated our Mighty Cause site that processes the Give to the Max donations, he wrote an article in Friday's newsletter and included this information on our website

Full Year Estimated Outlook

- Michael estimated the full year revenue and expenses as we approach the end of the year

- Full year estimate is a \$407 deficit. The revised budget we approved in July estimated a surplus of \$994
- The difference between the current estimated deficit and our July revised surplus is primarily due to the un-budgeted new City requirement that all expenses must be applied to that year's grant. Therefore, Michael's final pay period and other December expenses (which we anticipated would be applied in 2021) will need to be applied in 2020

B. Board and Committee Minutes

MOTION: Approve October 2020 meeting minutes (*first/second*) *passes*

C. Board Chair and Officer's Report (Melissa Liu)

Strategic planning: Trying to create a graphic to show progress through the planning; at this point, Michael has included a summary timeline in the board packet.

Moving forward: Create mission/vision/values statements and pursue organizational goal setting. We are now waiting for Catchafire volunteer representatives who will work with Jennifer and Jill to guide work with the board.

D. Committee Updates

1. Environment (Sara Benzkofer)

Committee did not meet due to a light agenda. Sara is bringing one action item that did not come from the committee.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Moved: Como Community Council authorizes a contract with Mike Pelkowski for snow removal at the organics composting site, 1149 Beulah Lane, for the 2020-2021 season. Rates are:

- 2-4 inches: \$60
- 4-6 inches: \$70
- 6-8 inches: \$80
- Above that: add the appropriate categories together

There was discussion about selection of Mike over other services, review of the contract, the unpredictability of snowfall, and regularity of invoicing.

Second, Motion passes

2. Land Use (Maggie Zimmerman)

The city came to present on the proposed change to the definition of family in the zoning code. The city hopes to adjust the language to be a bit more inclusive and a less regulatory position of what a family is. For example: *“Six (6) or fewer adults, together with minor children in their care, living as a single housekeeping unit.”* There was a discussion about what kind of consequences might this have on the community, the process the city is using to make this change, and the extension of the comment period. A video of the presentation is on the website.

Michael, Benjamin, and Duke of Duke's Towing had a meeting to go over the list of community concerns. Duke was receptive to it, he did not seem confrontational. They were recently through a management change, and indicated some concerns may have been due to past management issues and that he will inform future managers. Benjamin and Michael tried to clarify D10's role (not police or DSI, just helping bring neighborly communications.)

Michael updated about a variance request at 1214 St. Albans for a 7' fence that steps down to 4' at the sidewalk.

3. Neighborhood Relations (Sarah Reuter)

Halloween Decoration competition was successful, so now they would like to look to build neighborhood unity with holiday decorations.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Moved: District 10 Como Community Council supports and hosts a 2020 Holiday Decoration Competition. Households will be able to sign up; decorate their houses / apartments; a map will be created of participating households; and the community will vote for and rank their 3 favorite participants. The top three households will be awarded with a prize and bragging rights.

Second, Passes

Thanksgiving giving is amazingly successful. 150 meals for seniors, 50 meals for Booth Brown House. Board members have been asked to handwrite cards and return to the Streetcar Station by Monday. In addition, we will help deliver 34 baskets in cooperation with North Suburban Kiwanis.

Did our first meal box distribution with Sanneh Foundation on Nov. 13. 24 of the 25 boxes were picked up — the leftover was delivered to Como by the Lake. Volunteers are welcome and needed for the upcoming Fridays: this Friday, December 11 and 18 between 1 - 3:30. Beautiful boxes of food with fresh produce and meat. Sanneh Foundation will give \$200 for each day that we do this.

Sunday Series are informative and successful, thanks to Jill for organizing. They are archived on the website for continued access. We will need volunteers to run these in the future.

Anti-Racism Work Group is open to all board members to join the meetings. Currently looking into a racial equity scorecard, among other projects. Next meeting is Tuesday. Em will send time, date, and link for the meeting.

E. Staff Report (Michael Kuchta)

Follow-up on Thanksgiving meals — we have had over \$2200 donated at this point. Meals will go to seniors and youth experiencing homeless through Como By the Lake and Booth Brown House. We have reached out to the women at the Best Western, and learned that they have a donated Thanksgiving Meal already.

No citywide Honor Roll celebration again in 2021. We can still accept nominations and select up to three people in December/January.

VI. New Business (Board Members): None Stated

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm by Melissa Liu. *(first/second) passes*

Respectively submitted by Marika Staloch. These minutes are not official until approved.

Action Item

DATE:

Nov. 17, 2020

FROM:

Sara Benzkofer

ITEM:

Snow removal at organics recycling site

ACTION REQUESTED:

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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The executive director sought quotes from three vendors. This is the least expensive and most flexible offer. The recommended vendor did a timely and satisfactory job on a one-time basis after the snowfall of Nov. 10.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The executive director will ratify the agreement with the vendor. Money will be allocated in the 2021 budget.

ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:

Action Item

DATE:

Nov. 10, 2020

FROM:

Sarah Reuter, Jenne Nelson

ITEM:

Holiday Decorations

ACTION REQUESTED:

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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

This builds on the popularity of the Halloween competition to promote neighborhood unity.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Similar to the Halloween contest.

ISSUES UNRESOLVED OR YET TO BE DETERMINED:

Deadlines for nominations and voting.

Como Community Council: Officers Meeting

Dec. 9, 2020 / Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Present: Melissa Liu, chair; Olivia Morawiecki, vice-chair; Marika Staloch, secretary; Mike Ireland, treasurer; Michael Kuchta, executive director.

Events

- **Food distribution:** A lot of partnerships all the way around.
 - **Kiwanis.** Delivered 34 Thanksgiving “meal baskets” supplied by North Suburban Kiwanis. Humphrey Job Corps Center let us use freezer space to keep turkeys frozen until distribution. We contacted neighborhood partners – primarily congregations and social workers at Como Senior HS – to identify families in need. 8 adult volunteers from D10 delivered food. Ran into logistical problems in not being able to access apartments and deliver all meals. Took remaining meals to Restoration Chapel on Como Ave. to distribute among their members, with a few going to Como by the Lake apartments.
 - **Thanksgiving meals.** 64 community members made \$2,370 in donations. After deducting PayPal fees, we had \$2,315 available to use. That purchased 150 meals for seniors from TST Catering on Dale St. We also had 48 volunteers to distribute meals, as arranged by North End South Como Block Nurse Program. In addition, we purchased food for 50 homeless youth at Booth Brown House; meals were prepared by Salvation Army volunteers. We have \$190 still unused; Olivia will explore whether we can use this to support ongoing meal programs through the Block Nurse program.
 - **Sanneh Foundation.** Demand has been growing rapidly as word spreads. The first week, we distributed 24 meal boxes. The second week, it was 45 and we turned about a dozen people away. Last week, it was 70 and we still turned about a dozen people away. We have two more Fridays left. A pleasant surprise: Sanneh Foundation is providing us a \$200 stipend for each distribution event.
- **Holiday Decorations:** Deadline for nominations is Monday the 14th. Voting will be Dec. 15-30; winners announced on New Year’s Eve.

Community

- **Rethinking I-94.** A coalition of 25 organizations sent a letter to MnDOT on Dec. 4. If we want to weigh in, we will have to send our own letter, or join the coalition at a later date. Anti-Racism Group has not made recommendations at this point.
- **Neighborhood Honor Roll.** Because of ongoing pandemic concerns, District Councils will not hold citywide recognition event this spring. We will continue our annual recognition; Michael can solicit nominations beginning in this Friday’s newsletter; board can vote at or before January meeting. Because there is no citywide event planned, we will explore providing individual recognition to recipients beyond adding their name to neighborhood plaque.

Communication

- **Website.** Michael continues to seek a Catchafire volunteer to help complete the redesigned website. The first volunteer backed out because the site was beyond his capabilities. Michael has a conversation with two other potential volunteers next week. (View lack of progress at <https://167d10cc.aeronauticvigilante.com>)

Financials

- **2020 Grant Update.** We are up to date through October on reimbursements for the city Community Engagement grant. Innovation Grant paperwork will be filed after we receive December’s credit card statement. Mike is working on final paperwork for Capitol Region

Next meeting: Tuesday Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m.

Watershed District Partner grant. Michael is assembling paperwork for city's All In recycling grant; we are unsure of the timing of reimbursement from this grant.

- **2020 Budget.** Current projections for 2020 budget anticipate a slight deficit. So far, we have received \$1,050 in unrestricted donations in November and December.
- **2021 Budget.** Michael compiled draft budget based on committee initiatives, standard grants, and anticipated activities for "normal" year. First draft projects a \$3,100 deficit. That projection also assumes \$3,000 income for hosting a drop-off event at the Fairgrounds, which the city has not yet committed to. The budget also, for the most part, does not incorporate any new initiatives that may come out of strategic planning or our anti-racism work (workgroup develops its work plan Dec. 9). Nor does the budget include potential one-time costs such as reprinting the D10 welcome book or beginning the revision process for our comprehensive community plan. There was also a technical discussion on how to categorize and track payroll taxes.

Organizational Business

- **Board Meeting** (Dec. 15). No guest speaker scheduled. That leaves bulk of time available to discuss budget. The draft is for a budget in a "normal" year. We will include the draft in the board packet, invite questions in advance, and try to present and explain the draft in detail so board members have opportunity to understand as much as they want to, make suggestions, and act in December if they are comfortable. Michael and Mike will draft an action item in preparation.
- **Other Business.**
 - **Strategic planning.**
 - We will integrate four of the five top board priorities into the 2021 work plan for the community engagement and innovation fund grants from the city. (Fund-raising can't be charged to city grants.)
 - **Mission, Vision, and Values.** Based on conversations with the Catchfire consultant, we will start with assembling values statements. Tentative outline is for Michael to work with the consultant and board liaison (Jill and Jennifer have volunteered) to draft a values assessment that all board members will take via SurveyMonkey. We will ask the consultant whether we can/should include active committee members in the survey. Consultant and liaison will winnow survey results to focus on common priorities. Consultant will lead deeper discussion with willing board members to further refine options into 4-6 core values. TBD: whether this will be full discussion or breakout groups. Michael and liaison will keep officers informed; let them know specifically if and where we need input.
 - **Organizational Goal Setting.** Next step after Mission, Vision, Values.
 - **Covid Preparedness Plan.** Tabled until in-person meetings are possible.

Staff Report

- Michael is part of District Council staff who are meeting with representatives from key city departments to see if there are areas or projects where we can work more closely in 2021. Meetings are scheduled in the next month with PED, Public Works, and Police. Still trying to set up meetings with DSI and Parks.
- Michael sent thank-you letters to all Thanksgiving donors and volunteers. He has not yet sent letters to donors who made unrestricted contributions in November and December.

Other Business

- Melissa suggested investigated pursuing a Braver Angels approach to bridge divides in our neighborhood.

District 10 Environmental Committee Meeting

December 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Google Meet

In attendance: Mike Ireland (board), Jennifer Victor Larsen (board), Amanda Roher (board), Rachel Bowers (board), Susan Cheney, Gordon Wrobel, Bill Niebur, Dawn Lamm, Julie Wegschied, Michael Kuchta (District 10 staff)

STANDARD ITEMS

- Welcome and Introductions 7:00 - 7:07
- Amend/Adopt the Agenda

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **No community business**

NEW BUSINESS 7:07 - 8:23

- 2021 Work Plan & Proposed Budget (see document for more info)
 - Built for “after COVID” when we can gather together
 - Budget will go before board for approval next week
 - Community Garden
 - Expanded to limit in 2020, looking at potential new sites
 - County site at Front and Jameson might be potential for raised beds (would mean more \$ vs tilled site)
 - Grant available from MN Department of Agriculture?
 - Look into reuse for containers, garden tools
 - Update on compost site
 - No new update, in City Attorney’s office
 - D10 will have site at least through winter
 - Parks does not have control of Animal Humane Society site yet, can’t relocate there yet (maybe in future)
 - Petition or letter to help get things moving?
 - Capitol Regional Watershed Grant
 - See budget document for proposed activities
 - Tree Trek
 - Approximately 5 plaques are missing, some others are not in great shape. Could add other tree species that are not tagged yet. Tags are ~\$4-\$5 each
 - How tags are attached needs clarification; it was an issue with forestry last time
 - No set maintenance plan, propose making a plan?
 - Tags do not contain QR codes, only a short blurb about the species
 - Tree Trek tour was well attended (even though it was socially distanced), should do again and/or expand.
 - Good way to build/engage community.
 - Self-guided tour on D10 website, could do again
 - Possible kiosk with re-do of pavilion parking lot, could offer self-guided tour there (with QR codes, etc.)
 - Previous kiosk was well-used
 - Pollinator Garden tour
 - Money used for printed materials
 - Also used in-kind creative knowledge from community
 - Swap
 - Was planned for Spring 2020

- Clothing swap determined to be most widely attended
 - Cost is for space (was planned at Pavilion), other miscellaneous items
 - Will need to assess when and where to do it in 2021 (thinking about vaccine schedule, etc: maybe fall?)
 - Pavilion gets busy in summer; use outdoor Pavilion space?
 - Other
 - Neighborhood Relations Equity Walk (from Anti-Racism workgroup)
 - What amenities exist and where, what are the issues around equity concerning amenities?
 - Example: bus stops by streetcar bridge/fire pits
 - Potential for funding through 1% art funding?
 - In idea phase, not sure what \$ would be for
 - Any outreach/engagement with rental communities?
 - Any other ideas for \$400?
 - See community garden section
 - Outreach to Bandana Best Western shelter about providing outdoor resource materials in community?
 - Discussion: Committee's focus on environmental justice as social justice
 - Examples: focus on open space, energy rates, exploring renewable energy sources
- Cyber Seed Crawl November event
 - ~200 seed types exchanged through Como Community Seed Library Facebook page
 - Response: 30% Como, rest from Twin Cities or farther
 - Will do 2 more events
 - January 16th: focus on pollinator plants
 - February 20th: urban garden, edibles and medicinals
 - Can they list D10 as "co-host" on Facebook events?
 - Motion: D10 endorses and publicizes events. No financial need.
 - Motion seconded
 - Discussion:
 - Concerns: can't limit geographic area in Facebook. Can it be targeted with communities reached to stay local? Can it use paid advertising? (not very expensive)
 - Will also seek endorsement from Hamline Midway Coalition
 - Motion passes
 - Michael will recycle a similar action item for board meeting
- Resources for persons experiencing homelessness?
 - Not aware of any encampments in D10, though sporadic tents along railroad tracks
 - Ramsey County is housing people at Bandana Square Best Western
 - Neighborhood Relations is keeping track. D10 is in communication with city/county about possibilities for support. No identified needs currently.
 - Potential for clothing drive?

Adjourn 8:23

UPCOMING EVENTS

- D10 Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m., remote

Next Committee Meeting Time: January 13, 7:00 p.m.

2021 Environmental Committee Budget

	Proposed	Notes
Community Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water usage, tilling, equipment 	\$625	\$25/plot x 25 plots to cover water, tilling and supplies (mulch, stakes, and/or new hoses). 2020 revenue for plot fees was \$675.
Compost Site	Weed control: \$100 Rock: \$150 Snow removal: \$500 =\$750	
PENDING: CRWD Grant Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Clean-Up • Adopt a Park Parcel • Community Education 	PENDING: \$8,265	Full amount offset by revenue (reimbursement)
Tree Trek	\$100	Would include new plaques for some trees.
Pollinator Garden Tour	\$75	From 2020 pre-pandemic budgeted amount.
Swap	\$500	From 2020 pre-pandemic budgeted amount.
Other	\$400	NR Equity Walk?
Total	\$10,315	

Land Use Committee - District 10 Como Community Council – 12/2/2020 -Minutes

Call to order at 7:03

Attendance:

Board: Maggie Zimmerman, Debra Verber, Ben Kowalsky-Grahek

Community: Justin Pope, Mark Pope, Laura Oyen, Paul Czarnezki, Heather Linehan

Staff: Michael Kuchta

Community Concerns/New Business:

a. Duke's Car and Towing -

Michael and Ben had spoken via internet with Duke on November 17th. Neighbors have been noting violations of the license for the property. (Parking, noise, plowing are some of the reported concerns) Duke feels a bit targeted and reports that there are similar issues with nearby Pope Automotive. Duke said he will take care of a few cars that were there too long, they were not removed when he had said they would be but are removed now. Neighbors at the meeting have said they don't have a vendetta but would like accountability and responsibility from Duke's. Justin Pope said he and his business have no issues and have never reported Duke's. From D10's end, all comments and complaints have come from neighbors. Neighbors we have spoken with seem open to flexibility with occasional incidents as long as there are clear signs of improvement and responsibility.

b. Land Use Committee 2021 Work Plan & Proposed Budget

Land use committee has a unique role among the D10 committees as a more reactive committee. The committee runs with a minimal budget of around \$250, usually used for room rentals closer to areas of focus. Michael pointed out that there are some longer-term initiatives we can keep on our radar: event parking, Como Lake Drive, strategic planning (especially as it may relate to housing).

Staff Reports

a. CITY

- Dock & Paddle - Required to conduct a performance metric survey. Looking to make this happen, it hasn't yet.
- Redefinition of family - Public comment until December 14th. There is a form on the city website to fill out if you have comments. The definition of family is going through an overall modernization. The city has suggested three options.

b. DEVELOPMENT

- 1554 Midway Parkway - No update.
- Hmong College Prep began work on new middle school. Working on moving forward with a skyway over Brewster but has not received a vote from city

council that will allow that (recent vote was 4-3 in favor but they need a bigger majority)

c. PROPERTY ISSUES

- 1349 Midway Parkway - "Lion House" code deficiencies resolved. Passed inspection November 18th.
- 1013 Jameson St. - Vacant building with code deficiencies. Owner has put up money and is working to correct. Legislative hearing for December 8th. City Council hearing in January; if corrections are not made it could lead to demolition.
- 1214 Saint Albans St. N - Received variance for fence. Inspection of nearby duplex was supposed to happen in November but was rescheduled for January 6th.
- Community member wonders if there are ways to move vacant buildings towards becoming habitable homes to help with housing issues. Possibly outreach to owners. Michael stated there are usually 15-17 vacant buildings in the neighborhood at any given time.

d. LICENSES

- Carter's BP - Como/Front/Dale - up for renewal Dec 29
- Best Western Plus Como Park - Liquor license up Jan 3
- Ted's Recreation - Liquor up for renewal Jan 31.

Email Michael or city with comments/questions/concerns

e. OTHER

- Rethinking I-94 - D10 Council has not yet signed on.
- Dan Edgerton had conversation with Commissioner MatasCastillo about housing. Bethesda Hospital has recently been leased to house unhoused people. During Dan's conversation with the Commissioner, it came up that neighbors are resisting this. The land use committee is considering issuing a letter in support.

Move that the Land Use Committee supports Ramsey County's proposal to immediately use Bethesda Hospital to provide housing for unhoused populations of St Paul. Moved by Maggie - Seconded by Ben. Passed 6-0. Maggie/Michael will draft a letter of support on our behalf.

6. Coming events

- a. Next Board Meeting – December 15th @ 7pm – Virtual
- b. Next Land Use Meeting - January 6th @ 7pm - Virtual

7. Adjourn 8:29pm

District 10 Como Community Council Neighborhood Relations Committee

Tuesday Nov 12, 2020 @ 7:00pm Zoom

Present: Committee members: Sarah Reuter, Mellissa Brannon, Olivia Morawiecki, Jill Henriksen, Darcy Rivers. Staff: Michael Kuchta.

1. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
No additions to the agenda were requested

2. Philanthropy Update

- a. Senior Thanksgiving wrap up: Michael reported that our request for donations to the community brought in \$2,370, significantly exceeding our original goal of \$500! These funds paid for 150 meals for seniors; \$350 went to the Booth Brown House for their Thanksgiving meal; and \$190 is unexpended. In addition, the Kiwanis Club donated 34 meal kits. Among these efforts, the Kiwanis logistics and delivery to some of the Como HS students' homes was challenging. Michael noted that his contact from Kiwanis was enthusiastic about continuing to work together, so he'll speak with him about ways to make this easier next time. In addition, Michael said he would talk with the rep from Como HS to suggest ways to make this easier next time.
 - b. Food distribution with Sanneh update: Michael noted that this food distribution effort has gone very smoothly, and that D10 earns \$200 per event. The dates for December include Fridays the 4th, 11th, and the 18th. The committee also discussed putting the list of food shelves on our website. Michael agreed to look into this.
 - c. Holiday giving ideas? Sarah asked if we should seek out additional opportunities to continue helping with food distribution. After some discussion, there was agreement to continue with the Kiwanis and to see if there are more opportunities in the future with Sanneh.
- ### 3. Finalize details for Holiday Light Competition:
- The committee agreed to operate the Holiday light competition in a similar way the Halloween decoration competition operated, with some minor changes. Rather than having 3 separate categories for Individual Homes, Blocks, and Apartments, we'll simplify the process to just have 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place winners. All 3 winners will get cookies and the 1st place winner will receive an original piece of art from Sarah!
- ### 4. Budget for next year:
- Sarah presented her draft budget, noting that it assumes a normal year when we'd be able to host the Ice Cream Social, and other in-person events. Jill noted that we could shoot for 3 more sessions of the Race Equity Sunday Series

NRSO Committee Initiatives	
Como Fest	150
Ice Cream Social	1700
Halloween parade	500
Yoga	300
Other initiatives	1350
Sunday Series (3)	300
Total	4300

5. **Working with other organizations:** Sarah suggested, and others agreed, to work on this at another time, but prior to the next meeting

6. **Updates** from the Anti-Racism Workgroup (ARW) and Know Your Como (KYC):
ARW: Jenne reported that the group worked on the draft workplan and had good discussions about Ramsey County's homeless initiatives, and whether we should use the term *affordable housing or mixed income housing*. Also, Dan Edgerton offered to invite Luis Pereria to join our next meeting on Dec 9th. He is Director of the City's Dept. of Planning and Economic Development. Jill noted that this is intended to be an informal meeting as Luis is not planning a formal presentation.
KYC: Sarah reported that this initiative is just getting started and that they will be ready to share stories of community members sometime in January. Sarah asked if KYC could have its own webpage. Michael said he would look into this.

7. **8:30: Community Concerns:** None

8. **Adjourn:** The committee adjourned at 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 5, 2020 @ 7:00pm - Online